

# Memorandum



**Date:** July 24, 2007

**To:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Item No. 3(J)(1)(B)

**From:** George M. Burgess  
County Manager

**Subject:** Ratification of Grant Application for ADA Accessible Playground at Tamiami Park

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board ratify the County Mayor or his designee's action in applying for up to \$150,000 in grant funds from the Health Foundation of South Florida (Foundation) to construct an ADA accessible Playground at Tamiami Park and authorize the County Mayor or his designee to accept, amend and expend grant funds.

## **Scope**

Tamiami Park is located at 11201 SW 24 Street in Commission District 11.

## **Fiscal Impact/Funding Source**

The project is estimated to cost \$400,000 with \$150,000 coming from the grant. The required match of \$250,000 will come from two sources: \$125,000 from the Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond Program (SNP) 2007 Discretionary Funds and \$125,000 from the Building Better Communities Bond Program. If the SNP funds are not awarded, 100% of the match will come from the Building Better Communities Bond Program.

## **Track Record/Monitor**

The Foundation awarded the Park and Recreation Department (PRD) a \$100,000 grant in 2004 to construct an ADA Accessible playground at Westwind Lakes Park. The new grant, if awarded, will be administered by Joyce Denny, Grants Administrator in the PRD.

## **Background**

The Foundation exists for charitable, scientific and educational purposes to advance the health and well being of the people of Miami-Dade, Monroe and Broward Counties. A not-for-profit public charity, the Foundation has awarded close to \$63 million in program support and grants since its formation in 1993. The Foundation's grant making approach facilitates and supports efforts at the neighborhood, county and regional levels to improve the health status of uninsured and underserved individuals and families.

The PRD received notice about this funding opportunity in February 2007; however, was not invited to apply for the grant until March 25, 2007 after submission of a required pre-proposal. PRD staff attended a mandatory application instruction class on April 10, 2007. The grant application was due April 25, 2007. If the application is successful, funds will become available in September 2007.

  
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Alex Muñoz  
Assistant County Manager

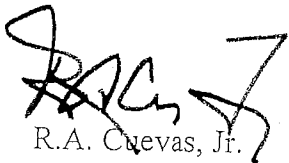


# MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 24, 2007

FROM:   
R.A. Cuevas, Jr.  
Acting County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 3(J)(1)(B)

Please note any items checked.

\_\_\_\_\_ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

\_\_\_\_\_ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

\_\_\_\_\_ Budget required

\_\_\_\_\_ Statement of fiscal impact required

\_\_\_\_\_ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

\_\_\_\_\_ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

☒ No committee review

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

Override \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda Item No. 3(J)(1)(B)

07-24-07

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS  
DESIGNEE'S ACTION IN APPLYING FOR UP TO \$150,000 IN  
GRANT FUNDS FROM THE HEALTH FOUNDATION OF SOUTH  
FLORIDA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADA ACCESSIBLE  
PLAYGROUND AT TAMIAMI PARK AND FURTHER  
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO  
RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND EXECUTE CONTRACTS  
AND AMENDMENTS AS REQUIRED

**WHEREAS**, this Board desires to accomplish the purpose outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board ratifies the County Mayor or his designee's action in applying for up to \$150,000 in grant funds from the Health Foundation of South Florida for construction of an ADA accessible playground at Tamiami Park and further authorizes the County Mayor or his designee to execute such contracts and amendments as are required by this governmental body following approval by the County Attorney's Office; to receive and expend all monies for the purposes described in the funding request; to file and execute any necessary amendments to the agreement for and on behalf of Miami-Dade County, Florida; to expedite the necessary construction contracts and professional services agreements under Section 2-8.2.7 of the Code of Miami-Dade County; and waive the requirements of Resolution No. R-130-06 to expedite the execution of the grant award agreement.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner  
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner  
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted  
this 24th day of July, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days  
after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall  
become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY  
COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency. DDC

Diamela del Castillo

## A. CHECK LIST

This form has been designed to assist you in making sure that you have included all the required components and necessary forms in your application packet. Please mark each section with a checkmark to indicate that it has been included in your application. This should be the first page of your packet.

**Name of Organization:** Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department

**Project Title:** Accessible Playground at Tamiami Park

### **Proposal Components:**

A.	Check List	<u>X</u>	H.	Approach	<u>X</u>
B.	Cover Letter	<u>X</u>	I.	Collaboration	<u>X</u>
C.	Cover sheet	<u>X</u>	J.	Budget	<u>X</u>
D.	Proposal Abstract	<u>X</u>	K.	Budget Narrative	<u>X</u>
E.	Organization	<u>X</u>	L.	Evaluation	<u>X</u>
F.	Statement of Need	<u>X</u>	M.	Sustainability	<u>X</u>
G.	Work Plan Matrix	<u>X</u>			

### Attachments

X List of Organization's Board of Directors, business affiliation and telephone numbers

N/A 501 (c) 3 IRS determination letter

N/A IRS tax form 990 for last two fiscal years/Government entity

X Audited or reviewed financial statements for the most recent two years *Financial Reports through FY 2005 are online at <http://www.miamidade.gov/finance/reports.asp>. 2006 reports are expected in June 2007*

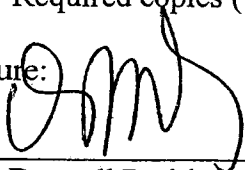
N/A Waiver of indirect expenses for all college and universities (if applicable)

N/A Occupational license (if applicable)/Local government entity

### **Other:**

X CD or floppy disk

X Required copies (1 original and 5 copies)

Signature: 

Vivian Donnell Rodriguez, Director  
Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department

For HFSF internal use  
only : \_\_\_\_\_



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Elections  
Emergency Management  
Employee Relations  
Empowerment Trust  
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Human Services  
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International Trade Consortium  
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Medical Examiner  
Metro-Miami Action Plan  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
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Property Appraisal  
Public Library System  
Public Works  
Safe Neighborhood Parks  
Seaport  
Solid Waste Management  
Strategic Business Management  
Team Metro  
Transit  
Task Force on Urban Economic Revitalization  
Vizcaya Museum And Gardens  
Water & Sewer

April 24, 2007

Mr. Peter N. Wood  
Vice President of Programs  
Health Foundation of South Florida  
One Biscayne Tower  
2 South Biscayne Boulevard  
Suite 1710  
Miami, Florida 33131

Re: Request for funding for an Accessible Playground at  
Tamiami Park

Dear Peter:

The Park and Recreation Department would like to request \$150,000 from the Health Foundation of South Florida to construct an Accessible Playground at Tamiami Park. We have allocated \$250,000 in matching funds from the Building Better Communities Bond fund. The playground will benefit children with disabilities and those without. It will provide a play space where all children can meet on equal grounds in a barrier-free and advantageous play environment.

Our application is in the Health Systems category. An original and five copies of the proposal are attached along with an electronic version. If you have any questions about this proposal, please contact Joyce Denny, Grants Administrator, at [jdenny@miamidade.gov](mailto:jdenny@miamidade.gov) or at (305) 755-7878.

Sincerely,

Vivian Donnell Rodriguez  
Director

*Delivering Excellence Every Day*

**Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department  
Grant Application to Health Foundation of South Florida  
Accessible Playground at Tamiami Park**

**C. Cover Sheet**

**1. Organization**

2. Other or previous operating name:

3. Tax identification number:

4. Number of years in continuous operation:

5. Number of grants received from HFSF:

6. Total funding received from the HFSF:

7. Total revenues from annual operating budget for 2005-2006:

8. Organization mission statement:

9. Mailing Address:

10. Name/title of CEO:

11. Telephone and fax numbers of CEO:

12. Name/title of primary contact person:

13. Telephone and fax numbers contact person:

14. Email address of primary contact person:

15. Project Name:

16. Grant Proposal Type:

17. Purpose of grant request:

18. Total grant amount requested from HFSF:

19. Proposed as match funds:

20. Total cost of project:

21. Total amount (s) and source (s) of other committed funding:

22. Total amount (s) and source (s) of other pending funding:

23. Description of target population or eventual beneficiaries:

**Miami Dade County Park and Recreation Department**

None

59-6000-573

87 years

1 previous grant in 2004 -2006

\$100,000

\$118,840,000

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Vivian Donnell Rodriguez, Director

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Joyce Denny, Grants Administrator

305-755-7878 (phone) 305-755-7940 (fax)

jdenny@miamidade.gov

**Tamiami Park Accessible Playground**

Health Services

To construct an accessible playground at Tamiami Park

\$150,000 over 2 years

\$ 250,000 from Building Better Communities Bonds

\$ 400,000 over 2 years

none

none

children ages 5-12 within 5 mile radius of park

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Grant Application to Health Foundation of South Florida  
Accessible Playground at Tamiami Park**

**D. Proposal Abstract**

The Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department is responsible for providing recreation facilities to serve the County. We want to add another accessible playground which provides a place for children with disabilities to play and allows interaction between disabled and non-disabled children to increase acceptance between children of differing abilities. Funding will be used for design and construction of a 6,000 square foot accessible playground at the already existing Tamiami Park, 11201 S. W. 24th Street. The square footage of this playground may be slightly less than the playground at Westwind Lakes Park, but it will have a comparable number of elements and play experiences, just in a more compact configuration. Children ages 5 through 12 living within a 5 mile radius of the park including the children enrolled in our Leisure Access camp programs at the park are the targeted population for this playground. The project is expected to take 6 months to complete. Construction will probably begin before January 2008 and be completed by summer.

On selected days a counselor will oversee special play activities that encourage interaction between the two groups of children. The expectation is an increase in co-play events over time. Weekly for six months after the playground is completed a park staff member and a Leisure Access staff member will alternate observing and recording the number of disabled and non-disabled children using the playground and the number of co-play events. The benefit of a playground to both groups will be strengthening exercise, calorie burning and fun in the outdoors. The added benefit of playing in an inclusive setting will be an increased acceptance of each other's differences.



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**E. Organization**

*We create outstanding recreational, natural, and cultural experiences to enrich you and to enhance our community for this and future generations.*

The Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department has grown from its inception in 1929 as a street beautification effort to the third largest park and recreation agency in the nation. With an annual operating budget of over \$118 million and 1,206 employees, the Parks Department hosts 25 million people each year. The 280 parks totaling 12,000 acres in our system include such diverse facilities as trails, ball fields, running tracks, playgrounds, beaches, marinas, historic buildings, archaeological sites, botanical gardens, nature preserves, campgrounds, pools, greenways, an equestrian facility, gun and archery shooting ranges, community centers, theatres, auditoriums and a world renowned zoo.

The Department offers 800 recreation programs yearly to children, adults and senior citizens, including people with disabilities. Programs include arts and crafts, nature studies, archaeological excursions, camping, theatre, dance, art expositions, horse shows, exercise programs, instructional and educational classes on many subjects ranging from fencing to sea turtle conservation as well as summer and after-school children's programs and sports development programs which serve 13,000 school-age children at more than 50 park and recreation facilities. The Department attracts regional and national events including equestrian events and in 2003 the USA Track and Field National Junior Olympics. International sporting events such as the Sony-Ericsson Tennis matches held at Crandon Park Tennis Stadium draw thousands of fans annually.

The Leisure Access Services Section serves children and adults with moderate disabilities who can benefit from a specialized program. The ratio of staff members to constituents is 1 to 5. An increasing number of children with developmental disabilities are seen each year, so particular attention is paid to behavior management activities. Ongoing training keeps staff motivated and sensitive to the needs of those served. The 28 member staff of the Leisure Access Section of the Recreation Division currently has an enrollment of approximately 500 in its varied programs in six locations.

**Current Grants**

For the past 2 years the Department has received over \$2 million annually to help fund 12 children's camps that operate during the school year and over the summer including camps for children with disabilities.

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**F. Statement of Need**

The Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department is responsible for providing park and recreation facilities to accommodate 25 million park visits annually. We currently have 129 playgrounds structures in our parks; we have one boundless playground (located at Westwind Lakes Park) that is 70% accessible for children with disabilities. We want to add another boundless playground in order to provide a fun, safe, and accessible place for children with and without disabilities to play together in an inclusive setting.

The target population is approximately 80,000 children ages 5 and 12 living within a 5 mile radius of the park. Tamiami Park also provides an Out-of-School Program for children with disabilities, this program currently registers around 40 participants. The playground will be highly visible within this popular park and is conveniently located at the hub of park activity close to the soccer and baseball fields.

Playgrounds provide a place for children to safely play and socialize with other children, develop muscles, burn calories, observe social norms, learn how to cooperate and share, and practice language skills. Providing an inclusive playground for children of all abilities to interact with each other is beneficial for their social, emotional, cognitive, and physical growth. Children with varying abilities will develop ways to communicate and play with each other by using their own creative imaginations. By having the experience of playing in an inclusive setting (with children with and without disabilities) the children are expected to be more accepting of people's differences as they transition into young adulthood.

Outcome Objectives (Why)	Outcome Measurement (Evidence) *Include responsible party and timeframe	Process Objectives (What)	Activities (How)  *Include responsible party and due date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children with and without disabilities will be able to play together in a barrier free environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground completed</li> <li>Children with and without disabilities will play together</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct playground</li> <li>Coach children to co-play</li> <li>Evaluate and report weekly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning configuration of structure/ Landscape Architect/ Oct – Nov 2007</li> <li>Permitting/Landscape Architect/ Dec 2007</li> <li>Ordering equipment/Landscape Architect/Jan – Feb 2008</li> <li>Preparing site, installing playground equipment/Contractor/ Mar – May 2008</li> <li>Leisure Access staff member/ from June 2008 forward</li> <li>Count and report number of children using playground and number of disabled and non-disabled children playing together/Leisure Access staff on weekdays and Tamiami Park staff on weekends/June 2008 to November 2008 (6 months)</li> </ul>

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**H. Approach**

**Construction**

The Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department has a great deal of experience constructing and managing playgrounds. There are approximately 138 playgrounds run by the Department and 10 to 12 playgrounds are replaced each year. The Landscape Architecture Section of the Planning and Research Department keeps up to date on the latest technology and products available. In 2005 the Department built a Boundless Playground™ at Westwind Lakes Park; the same Landscape Architect will oversee the accessible playground at Tamiami Park. All vendors and contractors involved will be approved based on their qualifications and past performance. The County's procurement methods will be employed to obtain the best pricing.

The playground elements will be selected to provide appeal to many senses: touch, movement, sight and sound to enhance each child's unique ability to enjoy challenges at their developmental level. Physical, sensory and developmental disabilities will be addressed to remove the barriers that limit childhood exploration and development. Ramps will be used to allow wheelchairs, walkers and other mobility devices to access upper levels, with maximum attention given to the safety of each child. The units of the playground system will be designed to appeal to children without disabilities as well as with disabilities to encourage interplay and socializing. The playground will be shaded from the Florida sun.

**Coaching Cooperative Playing**

Leisure Access staff members will be on the site daily on weekdays with disabled children who are in regular programs at the park and will coach all the children present in playing together on the playground.

**Evaluations**

Reports of playground activity will be alternately conducted by staff from the Leisure Access Services Section and the staff of Tamiami Park. Observations for the reports will be made on 2 weekdays per month for 1 hour between 3 and 5 PM, and on 2 weekend days a month by the Tamiami Park staff between the hours of 10 and 4. Twenty four weekly reports will be submitted to the Grants Administrator who will compile them into quarterly cumulative reports and send them to Karen Iobst at the Health Foundation of South Florida.

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**I. Collaboration**

**Internal**

The staff members of several divisions of our Park and Recreation Department staff will collaborate on this project. Staff from three of the five major divisions of the Department will work together to bring this project to fruition:

- The Administration Division will collaborate with the staff in the Recreation Division and the Design and Development Division to apply for funding from the Health Foundation of South Florida to add to the funding available from the Building Better Communities Bond Fund for financing of the project
- The Design and Development Division, Landscape Architecture Section will design, permit and construct the playground with design input from the Leisure Services Section of the Recreation Division.
- The Recreation Division's Leisure Access Services Section will coach the children in playing on the playground and the staff of the park and of the Leisure Access Section will record the activity at the playground for program evaluation.

**External**

The Children's Trust is collaborating with the Park and Recreation Department by providing a little over \$2 million in funding this year for 12 camp programs (6 for children with disabilities and 6 for non-disabled children) at 11 park sites serving 850 children. The camp programs operate during 4 after school hours, plus 10 hours on teacher planning days during the school year, and 10 hours a day during the summer. All of the camps provide activities in academics, physical fitness, health, social skills and cultural arts. A camp for children with disabilities is operated at Tamiami Park



# HEALTH FOUNDATION

of South Florida

## Attachment D

### J. BUDGETED OPERATING EXPENSES

PROJECT NAME: ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND AT TAMiami PARK

### CAPITAL ITEMS

List All Requested Capital Items

	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL COST	YEAR OF PURCHASE	USEFUL LIFE	ANNUAL DEPRECIATION	FUNDING SOURCE
Item 1	Survey	\$ 4,480	2007	15 yrs		BBCB
Item 2	Architectural design and administration	\$ 46,650	2007	15 yrs		BBCB
Item 3	Permitting	\$ 1,700	2007	15 yrs		BBCB
Item 4	Temporary fence	\$ 2,464	2007	15 yrs		BBCB
Item 5	Rock and sand	\$ 28,355	2007	15 yrs		BBCB
Item 6	Site preparation	\$ 39,285	2007	15 yrs		BBCB
Item 7	Surface and foundation	\$ 91,884	2007	15 yrs		BBCB
Item 8	Walkway	\$ 22,400	2007	15 yrs		BBCB
Item 9	Equipment and shipping	\$ 122,080	2007	15 yrs		HFSF
Item 10	Installation of equipment	\$ 38,080	2007	15 yrs		BBCB & HFSF
Item 11	Curbing and sod	\$ 2,464	2007	15 yrs		BBCB
Item 12						
Item 13						
Item 14						
Item 15						
					26,656.00	
		<u>\$ 399,842</u>				

TOTAL